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ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF EPC WORKING PARY II ON ECONOMIC GROWTH

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1. PETTER JACOB BJERVE IS ONE OF NORWAY'S MOST INFLUENTIAL AND
RESPECTED ECONOMISTS--A POSITION HE HAS ENJOYED SINCE THE END OF
WORLD WAR II. HE WAS ONE OF THE FORMULATORS--POSSIBLY THE MOST
INFLUENTIAL--OF THE CURRENT NORWEGIAN ECONOMIC PLANNING SYSTEM
AND A CO-AUTHOR OF THE FIRST NATIONAL ECONOMIC BUDGET. BJERVE
HAS HELD THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL BUREAU OF
STATISTICS FOR ABOUT 20 YEARS. IN THE MEANTIME HE SERVED AS
MINISTER OF FINANCE IN 1960-64 (GERHARDSSEN GOVERNMENT) HAS BEEN
ECONOMIC ADVISER TO A LDC, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN ECONOMICS AT
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OSLO UNIVERSITY, AND MEMBER OF A GREAT NUMBER OF COMMITTEES,
PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF MONETARY AND CREDIT MATTERS.
BJERVE IS A LABOR PARTY MEMBER BUT GIVES THE IMPRESSION OF
BEING MORE OF A TECHNOCRAT THAN A POLITICIAN. HE HAS A
PLEASANT PERSONALITY, IS GENERALLY VERY WELL LIKED, AND IS
VERY PRO AMERICAN. HIS ENGLISH IS EXCELLENT.

2. EMBASSY OSLO BELIEVES BJERVE WOULD MAKE EXCELLENT CHAIRMAN OF EPC WORKING PARTY II ON ECONOMIC GROWTH. WHILE EMBASSY NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ON RELATIVE MERITS OF BJERVE AND OTHER CANDIDATES, WE SUPPORT BJERVE'S SELECTION AS A MEANS OF FOSTERING NORWAY'S ECONOMIC TIES WITH WESTERN EUROPE AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE DEFEAT BY REFERENDUM IN 1973 OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE EEC.

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